Target for completion of NH projects

1983. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has failed to achieve the target of completing the projects during 2007-08;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the factors responsible for delay in completion of various projects by NHAI have been assessed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the overall cost escalation in such projects and the steps taken by Government to complete the task without any further loss of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (b) In the year 2007-08, out of a target of 2885 Kms for completion of construction across all phases of NHDP, achievement was 1614 kms. The phase-wise details of actual achievement under NHDP is as under:—

NHDP Phase	2007-08	
	Target (kms)	Achievement (kms)
NHDP Phase-I	437	213
NHDP Phase-II	2013	1020
NHDP Phase-III	435	381
NHDP Phase-V	0	0
TOTAL	2885	1614

(c) to (e) Progress of work has been affected due to delays in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, obtaining environmental clearances, poor performance by some contractors etc. In order to expedite completion of projects, regular monitoring of progress of works, action against poor performing contractors, resolution of issues like land acquisition, grant of forest clearances etc. have been initiated. The overall cost escalation due to delays can only be calculated after completion of the projects.

NHs damaged in rains

†1984. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether he is aware that all the National Highways in Orissa have been badly damaged due to continuous rain and heavy floods in the current year;

(b) if so, the amount which has been provided to the State for repairing the National Highways; and

(c) the additional amount that Government is considering to provide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 27.72 crore under Periodical Renewal and Rs. 9.22 crore under Flood Damage Repair have been provided to the State for repairing the damaged National Highways during the current year.

(c) There is no proposal to allocate additional fund during the current year.

Renaming of NHs

1985. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to have a scientific systematic and meaningful identity and has invited bids for a 'rationalised' numbering system for 66,754 kms. of National Highways;

(b) if so, whether it would replace current NH-1 to NH-228 numbering system;

(c) whether this plan is to rename National Highways with a sophisticated numbering system that is direction and area specific and is based on an easy to understand grid;

(d) whether it is proposed to follow international practices in the matter;

(e) if so, whether Government is also considering to have a new post proposed for managing Public Private Partnership projects in National Highways; and

(f) if so, to what extent these measures would help highways to improve its functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) This Ministry, as a part of its initiative for rationalization of numbering system of National Highways (NHs) in the country, had invited the bids from the Consultants empanelled with the Ministry for Traffic and Transportation studies for proposed consultancy services. However, due to the poor response received from the bidders, the Ministry decided to carry out the work departmentally. Accordingly, a Committee of Chief Engineers has been constituted in this Ministry to make suitable recommendations for rationalization of numbering system of NHs in the country so as to replace the current numbering